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EXPLOSION IN A MINE

Over Two Hundred Miners Were Killed Near Schofield, Utah.

The Work of Rescue Was Delayed by After Damp-Heartrending Scenes Around the Mouth of the Mine.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 3.-Two hundred or more lives were lost in the explosion in Mine No. 4, of the Pleasant Valley Coal Co., at Schofield, Utah. One hundred and thirty-seven have already been recovered. The work of rescue is still progressing, although there is no hope that any of the men who are unaccounted for have escaped death.

The scene of the disaster is just outside this place on the line of the Rio Grande Western railroad. The explosion, which occurred in the winter quarters of the mine, is attributed by some to the blowing up of number of kegs of biasting powder.

The company has two mines known as Nos. 1 and 4. The explosion occurred in No. 4. A special train was sent from Salt Lake bearing Superintendent Sharp, of the coal company, Superintendent Welby, of the railroad company, and some doctors.

As fast as bodies are reached they are taken to the boarding houses and other company buildings, where they are dressed and prepared for the coroner's inquest. These buildings are numerous, and in each are some ten to thirty-five bodies, which are laid in long rows. To those which have been identified are atached tags with name and address. These await the coming of relatives or friends.

Two hundred coffins have been ordered from local undertakers to be sent at once to the scene of the disaster. A special train bearing the seriously wounded has started from Scofield for Salt Lake.

W. C. Wilson, a miner who was in the lower level of No. 1, said:

"There was a low rumbling noise in wave that can hardly be described, working hours. but that is known to all who have been in explosions, and I have been in several. I said to my partner an explosion has occurred. We ran to the main tunnel and met six other miners. They had noticed the strange occurrence and likewise thought it was an leaving the mine, for the after-damp mill material. reached us some three or four minutes before we reached the open air, almost suffocating us.

The after-damp delayed the work of the rescuing party, but the magnitude of the disaster soon became apparent. All men on the raise known as "Pike's Peak" were lying in clusters. John Jones was found with his arms clasped about his son George.

The men had apparently realize that death was coming and had tried operations in East St. Louis, Ill., are a young engineer from Springville, recently for an advance in pay. Utah, who had just entered the mine a few minutes before with his assistants, was found with his instrument set, while he and his men lay dead around it. As fast as the bodies were removed they were carried to the company barn across the canyon, where they were washed and iden-

After the foul air had cleared from No. 1, the work of rescue began, and it was soon found that a great many miners of No. 1 had been suffocated. The men of the lower levels had been warned of the explosion and had made their escape before the gaseous air had reached them.

Cars were taken in and the dead were loaded into them and brought to the mouth.

As the bodies were brought out and recognized by their respective families, the lamentations were most heartrending. The dead were all earried into the boarding house directly opposite the mine, and at midnight 37 bodies had been recovered. Superintendent Parmley, of the operations here, stated as his opinion that the disaster was brought about by giant powder, which was set off and ignited the dust in the mine, thereby causing the explcsion.

Nine-tenths of the men killed were Americans and Welsh. The former come mostly from Utah, with a small number from Tennessee and Colorado Several undertakers were sent down Wednesday, and coffins will be sent at once. A special train bearing four injured men arrived here Wednesday morning.

Schofield, Utah, May 3.-The estimate of the number of killed in the terrible mine explosion here is 250, but the total death list may yet reach 300. Relief work is still in progress, being conducted by shifts of men. The shift now in the mine has 50 bodies ready to bring out, and the number of corpses yet to be reached

s still uncertain. Ferrish level has been cleared of lead, and all are burned and unrecognizable.

Mexican Silver Shipped to China. El Paso, Tex., May 2.-Express companies are doing a big business in the transportation of Mexican silver this week. Sunday night one company brought 8,000 pounds of coin from the City of Mexico, and another shipnent of 10,000 pounds has just been eceived. The money goes to Hong Kong, China.

Maska Canal Code Bill Passed. Washington, May 2.—After passing ed chief post office inspector of Porto he Alaskan civil code bill Tuesday. Rico. E. L. McKee, also of this city. he senate took up the army appro will go as his assistant. riation bill.

MAY DAY STRIKES.

The Struggle on for an Eight-Hour Day in Philadelphia -Labor Troubles in Other Cities,

Philadelphia, May 2 .- The struggle for an eight-hour work day, which has been under consideration by the labor unions of this city, began in earnest Tuesday, when, according to Secretary Joseph B. Allen, of the Allied Building Trades council, workmen representing every branch of the buildings trades went on strike to enforce by a concerted movement the demands of the unions. Nearly 3,000 men are reported to have quit work, and this number is but a small representation of the total membership of the Allied Building Trades council, which embraces about 95 per cent. of the men employed in the building trades. The fact that so few workmen were compelled to strike is considered by the unions as favorable to their cause.

The movement for a working day of eight hours and a general increase of wages, averaging about 25 per cent, began some months ago. At a recent meeting, May 1 was decided upon as the day for presenting the demands.

Strike at Duluth, Minn.

Duluth, Minn., May 2.—Organized labor in the trades went on a strike Tuesday for higher wages and shorter hours. Carpenters want 35 cents per hour, plumbers 50 cents and a Saturday half holiday paid for; painters 40 cents, and other trades in proportion with a general eight hour day. At a meeting Monday night contractors decided to take no work if necessary all summer, but union leaders say they expect to win in a

A Strike in Savannah, Ga.

Savannah, Ga., May 2.-It was claimed by the president of the building trades council, representing all branches of labor connected with building in Savannah Tuesday that 800 men are on a strike in this city. They include carpenters, painters, bricklayers, plasterers and others connected with house building. They ask an the distance, followed by a sort of increase in wages and decrease in

> Omaha Carpenters Strike. Omaha, Neb., May 2 .- All union car-

penters in the city were idle Tuesday, and not a single contractor of any importance did anything. The men demand an eight hour day, an increase from 35 to 40 cents an hour, and the explosion. We were not too soon in exclusive use of union label planning

A Strike at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., May 2 .- Contractors generally Tuesday refused demands for increase in wages and as a result about 1,000 workingmen struck. They include tinners and sheet metal workers, hod carriers, plasterers and

A Sympathetic Strike.

Louis, Mo., May 2.-Building to save themselves by burying their at a standstill and about 1,000 union faces in the dirt, hoping thus to es- men engaged in the building trades cape the deadly gas that was fast are out. The strike grew out of symenveloping them. Bernard Dougall, ; thy with the carpenters, who struck

Bricklayers and Hod Carriers. Pittsburgh, Pa., May 2 .- About 1,000 bricklayers and 500 hod carriers struck Tuesday for an increase in wages and shorter hours. The scale of the brothethood of Carpenters and Joiners was signed by the master builders association and all are at work.

Union Plumbers Strike.

union plumbers in this city went on a strike Tuesday in support of a demand for shorter hours and an increase in wages.

Woodworkers Strike.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 2.-The woodworkers, 800 strong, at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, decided to go on strike Tuesday.

GERMAN VIEW OF IT.

Comments Made on Secretary Root's Recent Statement About the Monroe Doctrine.

Berlin. May 2 .-- The interpretation eases. placed by certain American newspapers upon the remark of Secretary of War Root at the banquet of the Grant Monument association regarding the possibility of fighting for the Monroe tion here. A high official of the German foreign office said:

"Nobody in Germany contemplates annexations in South America. This the United States government knows well. It knows also that there has been a regular emigration from Germany to Brazil for years, although of late it has diminished."

The Neueste Nachrichten says: "The assumption that Germany would seize territory from existing South American states for the establishment of the colonies is simply nonsense. The efforts Germany has been making for years to direct emigration to regions where it would remain more compact and be better preserved for the fatherland are as natural as they are justifiable."

Newspaper Man Dead.

Chicago, May 2.-Frank Davidson, one of the most widely known and best liked newspaper men in the country, is dead, aged 56. He first gained distinction as sporting editor of the Chicago Times when that paper was conducted by Wilbur F. Storey.

Goes to Porto Rico. St. Louis, May 2 .- D. J. Sinclair, a post office inspector connected with the St. Louis force, has been appoint-

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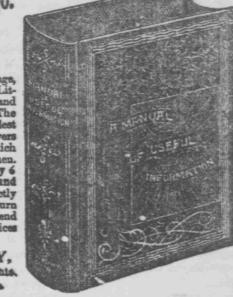
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